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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Driver Education - Alternative Program**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to approve an
4 alternative driver education program; including an alternative program
5 approved by the Administration as one option for satisfying a certain driver
6 education requirement relating to examinations for a provisional license; and
7 generally relating to driver education programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 16-105(d)(2)(ii) and 16-505
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 16-105.

17 (d) (2) An individual who holds a learner's instructional permit may not
18 take a driver skills examination or driver road examination for a provisional license:

19 (ii) Until after successful completion of the driver education
20 program approved under Subtitle 5 of this title, consisting of [at]:

21 1. AT least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6
22 hours of highway driving instruction; OR

23 2. AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE
24 ADMINISTRATION; and

1 16-505.

2 (a) The Administration shall, in consultation with the State Department of
3 Education, adopt and enforce regulations not inconsistent with this subtitle to
4 implement a standardized driver education program conducted by driver education
5 schools under its jurisdiction.

6 (b) Regulations adopted under this section shall be administered by the
7 Administration and shall include:

8 (1) Curriculum, equipment, and facility standards for classroom,
9 laboratory, and on-road instruction phases;

10 (2) Minimum student performance standards for an approved driver
11 education program based upon the standardized curriculum approved by the
12 Administration, consisting of [at]:

13 (I) AT least 30 hours of classroom instruction and at least 6 hours
14 of highway driving instruction; OR

15 (II) AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE
16 ADMINISTRATION;

17 (3) Standards for the certification of schools and instructors;

18 (4) A system to evaluate the effectiveness of the driver education
19 program;

20 (5) Standards governing the required offering of the driver education
21 program, based on the capacity, enrollment, staff, and facilities of the schools; and

22 (6) Standards for the eligibility of individuals to enroll in the program.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect October 1, 2003.